

TOOELE COUNTY PREVENTION EFFORTS = SUCCESS!

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Tooele County, under the direction of prevention coordinator Julie Spindler, has had a unique ability to bring the county's agencies together to work toward a common goal of promoting healthy lifestyles and supporting prevention efforts within the county. Through collaboration with their local coalition, Tooele Interagency Prevention Professionals (TIPP), more than 20 community prevention partners meet monthly to emphasize their mission: *Through collaborative programming and networking, provide the citizens of Tooele County the support, guidance, and resources to improve their quality of life by being drug free, healthy, and contributing members of society.*

Tooele prevention partners have been able to document (through the Student Health and Risk Prevention Survey—SHARP) that substance use rates among Tooele students (grades 6-12) are going down, risk factors are decreasing and protective factors are increasing. Because of this strong community collaboration, and the usefulness of the SHARP Survey, almost \$2 million prevention dollars have been brought into Tooele County in the past two years. The following are a few highlights of TIPP's collaborative efforts:

- Federal grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse awarded to Tooele School District—\$1.2 million
- Received grant for Tooele County Youth Services (JRC)—\$28,000
- Received grant for community collaboration with tobacco prevention (TCSD)—\$189,000
- Received grant for emergency preparedness—\$195,000

"In Tooele County, we are proud of how well each prevention agency works together for the betterment of our citizens. We know that through collaboration, we are making our county a much healthier place to live." — Julie Spindler, Tooele Prevention Coordinator

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